

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2013

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 571 (Fourth Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Authorize Various Special Plates.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Brock

FISCAL IMPACT					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available
State Impact	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
Highway Fund					
Special Registration Plate Account	(324,000)	(324,000)	(324,000)	(324,000)	(324,000)
NET STATE IMPACT	\$324,000	\$324,000	\$324,000	\$324,000	\$324,000
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: North Carolina Department of Transportation					
EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.					
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None					

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 571 enacts new subdivisions to GS 20-79.4(b) and amends GS 20-70.4(b) to authorize the following types of special registration plates, contingent on the receipt of at least 300 plate applications:

- Charlotte Checkers
- First Tee
- Flag of the United States of America
- The Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World
- Mission Foundation
- Morehead Planetarium
- Municipality Plate
- National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
- Native Brook Trout

- NC FIRST Robotics
- NC Sportsmen's Caucus
- North Carolina Cattlemen's Association
- Operation Coming Home
- Order of the Long Leaf Pine
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness
- Red Drum
- RiverLink
- Town of Holden Beach
- Town of Matthews
- Turtle Rescue Team
- Volunteers in Law Enforcement
- YMCA

It establishes the fees for those plates and requires the funds in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account from the sale of each of the plates to go to specified entities for each plate.

The bill amends GS 20-81.12(b2) to add the NC Transportation Museum plate as a state attraction plate.

Senate Bill 571 amends GS 20-79.7 to include a \$20 fee for the Fraternal Order of Police plate, with \$10 of that fee to be transferred to the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police to support the State Lodge.

It amends GS 20-81.12(b4) to require funds from the sale of the Olympic Games Plate be allocated to the North Carolina Amateur Sports (was, to the NC Health and Fitness Foundation, Inc.) and that the funds be allocated as follows: (1) 67% to the US Olympic Committee to assist in training Olympic athletes, (2) 33% to assist with administration of the State Games of North Carolina; deletes the allocation to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and health for support of local fitness council development. The bill amends GS 20-81.12(b38) to require funds derived from the sale of the Charlotte Motor Speedway plates to go to Speedway Children's Charities.

It clarifies that the following plates do not have a fee:

- Bronze Star Combat Recipient
- Bronze Star Recipient
- Combat Veteran
- Legion of Merit
- Military Veteran
- Military Wartime Veteran
- Partially Disabled Veteran
- Pearl Harbor Survivor
- Silver Star Recipient

The bill repeals GS 20-79.4(b)(163), allowing issuance of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity plate.

It makes revisions to the Register of Deeds and the Vietnam Veterans of America plates. It amends the provision for the retired legislator plate to require the plates be issued in the order applications are received. The bill also amends the Pancreatic Cancer Awareness plate to no longer require it to include the letters ML, and amends the YMCA plate to no longer require it to include the letters SA. Senate Bill 571 amends GS 20-79.4(b)(41) to change the City/County Clerk plate to the NCAMC/NCACC Clerk plate, issuable to a clerk of a municipal governing board or a clerk of a county board of commissioners of a municipality or city.

It amends GS 20-63(b1) to remove the requirement that the Division of Motor Vehicles send the owner a replacement special license plate in a standardized format when the Division registers a vehicle or renews the registration of a vehicle on or after July 1, 2015. And it repeals Section 1.1 [which repealed GS 20-63(b1)] and Section 5.1 (which amended GS 20-79.7 to require the Division of Motor Vehicles to deduct the cost of issuing replacement full color special license plates until July 1, 2016) of SL 2011-392.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Fiscal Research is unable to estimate the demand and the number of applications for each of the newly authorized plates. If each of the special plates achieves the 300 plate application mark, they will be issued and accompanied by the fees that are listed below.

Special Plate	Additional Fee Amount
First Tee	\$30.00
Morehead Planetarium	\$30.00
Municipality Plate	\$30.00
NC FIRST Robotics	\$30.00
NCSC	\$30.00
Native Brook Trout	\$30.00
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial	\$30.00
North Carolina Cattlemen's Association	\$30.00
Operation Coming Home	\$30.00
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness	\$30.00
Red Drum	\$30.00
RiverLink	\$30.00
Town of Holden Beach	\$30.00
Turtle Rescue Team	\$30.00
Volunteers in Law Enforcement	\$30.00
YMCA	\$30.00
Charlotte Checkers	\$25.00
I.B.P.O.E.W.	\$25.00
Fraternal Order of Police	\$20.00
Mission Foundation	\$20.00
Order of the Long Leaf Pine	\$20.00

Special Plate	Additional Fee Amount
Town of Matthews	\$20.00
Bronze Star Combat Recipient	None
Bronze Star Recipient	None
Combat Veteran	None
Legion of Merit	None
Military Veteran	None
Military Wartime Veteran	None
Partially Disabled Veteran	None
Pearl Harbor Survivor	None
Silver Star Recipient	None

The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed above among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is established under G.S. 113-44.15. The table below shows where the Special Plate fees will be credited.

Special Plate	SRPA	CCAPA	NHTF	PRTF
Charlotte Checkers	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Tee	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fraternal Order of Police	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
I.B.P.O.E.W.	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Foundation	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morehead Planetarium`	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Municipality Plate	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NC FIRST Robotics	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NCSC	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Carolina Cattlemen's Association	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operation Coming Home	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Order of the Long Leaf Pine	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RiverLink	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town of Holden Beach	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town of Matthews	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Turtle Rescue Team	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Volunteers in Law Enforcement	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
YMCA	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The bill adds nine plates to the list of those where no fee is charged. The \$10.00 fee for All Other Special Plates would be waived, decreasing fiscal year collections to the Special Registration Plate Account by approximately \$324,000. This estimate only takes into account current active plates.

Plate Category	Total Active Plates	Collected Fees
Bronze Star Combat Recipient	191	\$19,100
Bronze Star Recipient	2,076	\$207,600
Combat Veteran	N/A	N/A
Legion of Merit	18	\$1,800
Military Veteran	N/A	N/A
Military Wartime Veteran	N/A	N/A
Partially Disabled Veteran	654	\$65,400
Pearl Harbor Survivor	25	\$2,500
Silver Star Recipient	276	\$27,600

The Fraternal Order of Police Special Plate added an additional \$10.00 fee that will transfer quarterly from the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account to The North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police to support the State Lodge. With 2,116 active plates, the account would collect approximately \$21,160 for the Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge.

SOURCES OF DATA: North Carolina Department of Transportation

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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